

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| <b>Applicants:</b>  | Chan <i>et al.</i>                          | <b>Conf. No.:</b>  | 9665                          |
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.105**

Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office's Requirement for Information dated January 30, 2006.

The Office has requested that Applicants provide user's manuals and references having a publication date of November 2000 or earlier regarding the "IBM Recommendation Assistant Framework™." Applicants respectfully submit that the information requested by the Office is unknown by Applicants or, in the alternative, is not readily available to Applicants. To this extent, Applicants respectfully submit that this reply constitutes a complete reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105(a)(4).

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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